

requirements for providing notice is triggered when a foreign government makes the manufacturer aware of the defect in motor vehicles or replacement parts, even before it triggers recalls or replacement actions.

This Act will help ensure accurate, truthful information and timely notice regarding recalls or replacement actions concerning defective motor vehicles or replacement equipment such as tires in foreign countries are quickly reported to the United States Secretary of Transportation where such vehicles are manufactured for export to the United States or where the defective product or equipment is manufactured in the United States in a manner that is similar to its manufacture in the foreign country and thus may likewise be dangerous.

The notification must be provided to the Secretary within 48 hours of when the foreign manufacturer learns or is notified of the defect by the foreign government. Within 5 days of that 48-hour deadline, a more detailed, accurate and truthful report must be provided to the Secretary of Transportation describing the basis for actions taken and providing information about serious injuries or fatalities related to the defect.

In addition, even if a defect is not identified, the Secretary must be notified each time there is a significant increase in deaths or serious injuries in a foreign country related to vehicles or vehicle components manufactured in foreign countries for export to the United States or related to vehicles or components manufactured in the United States using similar manufacturing processes (as are used in the foreign country), as defined in regulations of the Secretary.

Failure to comply with these requirements, and any related requirements set by the Secretary under the bill, shall result in a civil money penalty of up to \$500,000, per day. In addition, for manufacturers or employees of foreign motor vehicle products (manufacturing vehicles for export to the United States or using manufacturing processes similar to that used in the United States) who in reporting to the Secretary knowingly or willfully: falsifies, conceals, or covers up a material fact; makes a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or makes a false writing or document, shall be imprisoned for up to 5 years and shall be subject to criminal fines of up to \$500,000 for corporations, or \$250,000 for individuals.

This Act shall be effective beginning six months after enactment.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S.J Res. 51. A joint resolution authorizing special awards to veterans of service as United States Navy Armed Guards during World War I or World War II; to the Committee on Armed Services.

LEGISLATION TO HONOR NAVAL ARMED GUARD VETERANS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I am introducing legislation today to provide a long overdue honor to a distinguished group of American veterans. The United States Naval Armed Guard made heroic contributions to our naval efforts in World War I and World War II and the time has come for a grateful nation to recognize these brave veterans.

The Armed Guard consisted of the officers, gunners, radiomen, signalmen and later medics and radarmen who were placed on cargo ships to protect them from armed assault.

The U.S. Navy Armed Guard was first constituted during World War I and armed gunners served on 384 ships. During World War II, the U.S. Navy Armed Guard served on 6,236 merchant ships. 710 of these ships were sunk and many more were damaged in combat. The Armed Guard has 144,970 men assigned to it before the war ended in 1945. 1,810 men were killed during engagements with the enemy.

I am here today because the contributions to victories in the two world wars of these fine patriots has never been recognized by our Government or the Navy. I believe the Congress should act to honor these veterans whose recognition is both deserved and long overdue.

The wartime contributions of these men were absolutely vital to the safe delivery of cargos that took the war to our enemies. Many times they stayed in the fight even as the decks of their ships were awash and sinking. What is most notable is that other nations that now are free because of the contributing sacrifices of the U.S. Navy Armed Guards, have awarded special medals in recognition of the heroic actions of the members of the U.S. Navy Armed Guard Special Force.

Mr. President, It is high time we did the right thing and recognized these fine fighting men for their service. This legislation would honor these men in a very fitting way. It will recognize former members of the U.S. Armed Guard Special Force with a special medal that honors them as American heroes. It will recognize the military character of their service by awarding each of them at least one of the three World War II campaign medals for service in the American, Asiatic-Pacific, and Europe-Africa-Middle East theaters of war. Let's do the right thing for this unrecognized group of American veterans who sacrificed so much for their country. For more than fifty years, members of the Naval Armed Guard have shared their wartime stories of sacrifice and commitment with one another. Now is the time for all Americans to acknowledge their service in a heart felt way.

I urge prompt Senate consideration and passage of this legislation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 867

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 867, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers for marked graves of, or to otherwise commemorate, certain individuals.

S. 1608

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1608, a bill to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanisms for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in Federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes.

S. 1732

At the request of Mr. BREAU, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1732, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit certain allocations of S corporation stock held by an employee stock ownership plan.

S. 1814

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1814, a bill to establish a system of registries of temporary agricultural workers to provide for a sufficient supply of such workers and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to streamline procedures for the admission and extension of stay of nonimmigrant agricultural workers, and for other purposes.

S. 1915

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to enhance the services provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to small communities that are attempting to comply with national, State, and local environmental regulations.

S. 1938

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Mr. GRAMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1938, a bill to provide for the return of fair and reasonable fees to the Federal Government for the use and occupancy of National Forest System land under the recreation residence program, and for other purposes.

S. 1974

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1974, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable by providing a full tax deduction for higher education expenses and a tax credit for student education loans.

S. 2018

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the update factor used in making payments to PPS hospitals under the medicare program.

S. 2096

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2096, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit to long-term caregivers.

S. 2308

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2308, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to assure preservation of safety net hospitals through maintenance of the Medicaid disproportionate share hospital program.

S. 2438

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2438, a bill to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 2639

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2639, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide programs for the treatment of mental illness.

S. 2643

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2643, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased foreign assistance for tuberculosis prevention, treatment, and control.

S. 2686

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2686, a bill to amend chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, to modify rates relating to reduced rate mail matter, and for other purposes.

S. 2703

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Vermont

(Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2703, a bill to amend the provisions of title 39, United States Code, relating to the manner in which pay policies and schedules and fringe benefit programs for postmasters are established.

S. 2726

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2726, a bill to protect United States military personnel and other elected and appointed officials of the United States Government against criminal prosecution by an international criminal court to which the United States is not a party.

S. 2729

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2729, supra.

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2729, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to restore stability and equity to the financing of the United Mine Workers of America Combines Benefit Fund by eliminating the liability of reachback operations, to provide additional sources of revenue to the Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 2733

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2733, a bill to provide for the preservation of assisted housing for low income elderly persons, disabled persons, and other families.

S. 2735

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2735, a bill to promote access to health care services in rural areas.

S. 2787

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2787, a bill to reauthorize the Federal programs to prevent violence against women, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2787, supra.

S. 2807

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 2807, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare Prescription Drug and Supplemental Benefit Program and to stabilize and improve the Medicare+Choice program, and for other purposes.

S. 2858

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2858, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure adequate payment rates for ambulance services, to apply a prudent layperson standard to the determination of medical necessity for emergency ambulance services, and to recognize the additional costs of providing ambulance services in rural areas.

S. 2868

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2868, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health.

S. 2879

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2879, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish programs and activities to address diabetes in children and youth, and for other purposes.

S. 2937

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2937, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to Medicare+Choice plans through an increase in the annual Medicare+Choice capitation rates and for other purposes.

S. 2967

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2967, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate competition in the electric power industry.

S. 2978

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2978, a bill to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities.

S. 2997

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2997, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

S. CON. RES. 127

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 127, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Parthenon Marbles should be returned to Greece.

S. RES. 332

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S.Res. 332, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the peace process in Northern Ireland.

S. RES. 343

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) were added as cosponsors of S.Res. 343, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement should recognize and admit to full membership Israel's Magen David Adom Society with its emblem, the Red Shield of David.

AMENDMENT NO. 4033

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 4033 proposed to H.R. 4733, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 134—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 8, 2000, AS GALVESTON HURRICANE NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. GRAMM) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 134

Whereas September 8, 2000 marks the 100th anniversary of the hurricane that struck Galveston, Texas on September 8, 1900, the deadliest natural disaster in United States history;

Whereas an estimated 6,000 people died in a few hours in this thriving port of 37,000, dubbed the "Wall Street of the West" at the dawn of the 20th century;

Whereas vast waves, surging flood waters, and powerful winds of more than 120 miles an hour overtook the town, in an era without radar, satellites, or modern radio, making off-shore hurricanes difficult to track;

Whereas the residents of Galveston island showed much courage and sacrifice during the tempest, exemplified by 10 nuns who lost their lives along with the 90 children they were trying to save at St. Mary's Orphanage on the beach;

Whereas Galveston never lost her resilient spirit, built a sturdy 17-foot sea wall that staved off other fierce hurricanes, pumped in millions of tons of sand from the Gulf of Mexico in order to raise the level of the city and its buildings to a safer height, and became a beautiful and prosperous town yet again;

Whereas the city of Galveston is this year holding a ceremony commemorating the hurricane, launching educational efforts, and celebrating the rebirth of Galveston after the storm; and

Whereas our Nation, which benefits from modern weather technology and the lessons

learned from the Galveston tragedy, should never cease to improve hurricane forecasting and make life safer and more secure along our coasts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That—

(1) September 8, 2000 is designated as Galveston Hurricane National Remembrance Day; and

(2) the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation in memory of the thousands of Galvestonians and other Americans who lost their lives in the devastating hurricane of 1900 and the survivors who rebuilt Galveston.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348—TO EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, ACTING THROUGH THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE, SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS INTO, AND TAKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO PREVENT, THE UNREPORTED IMPORTATION OF GINSENG PRODUCTS INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Mr. FEINGOLD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. RES. 348

SECTION 1. UNREPORTED IMPORTATION OF GINSENG PRODUCTS.

It is the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of the Treasury, acting through the United States Customs Service, should, to the maximum extent practicable, conduct investigations into, and take such other actions as are necessary to prevent, the importation of ginseng products into the United States from foreign countries, including Canada and Asian countries, unless the importation is reported to the Service, as required under Federal law.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

LOTT AMENDMENTS NOS. 4036–4037

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. LOTT submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 4733) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 4036

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . Of the funds to be appropriated by section , \$10,400,000 is available for the Pascagoula Harbor for operation and maintenance.

AMENDMENT No. 4037

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . Of the funds to be appropriated by section , \$20,000,000 is available for the Gulfport Harbor for authorized channel width dredging in the North Channel.

SCHUMER (AND MOYNIHAN) AMENDMENT NO. 4038

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 4733, supra; as follows:

On page 68, line 15, strike "expended:" and insert "expended, of which \$3,000,000 shall be available for facilities utilization at the National Synchrotron Light Source at Brookhaven National Laboratory:".

COCHRAN AMENDMENT NO. 4039

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed him to the bill, H.R. 4733, supra; as follows:

On page 67, line 4, strike "Fund:" and insert "Fund, of which an appropriate amount shall be available for innovative projects in small rural communities in the Mississippi Delta, such as Morgan City, Mississippi, to demonstrate advanced alternative energy technologies, concerning which projects the Secretary of Energy shall submit to Congress a report not later than March 31, 2001:".

COCHRAN AMENDMENT NO. 4040

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed him to the bill, H.R. 4733, supra; as follows:

On page 90, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

SEC. 320. (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that the Department of Energy is seeking innovative technologies for the demilitarization of weapons components and the treatment of mixed waste resulting from the demilitarization of such components.

(b) EVALUATION OF ADAMS PROCESS.—The Secretary of Energy shall conduct an evaluation of the so-called "Adams process" currently being tested by the Department of Energy at its Diagnostic Instrumentation and Analysis Laboratory using funds of the Department of Defense.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2001, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to Congress a report on the evaluation conducted under subsection (b).

GRAMS AMENDMENT NO. 4041

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. GRAMS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 4733, supra; as follows:

On page 90, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

SEC. 3 . REPORT ON IMPACTS OF A STATE-IMPOSED LIMIT ON THE QUANTITY OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL THAT MAY BE STORED ONSITE.

(a) SECRETARY OF ENERGY.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to Congress a report containing a description of all alternatives that are available to the Northern States Power Company and the Federal Government to allow the Company to continue to operate the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant until the end of the term of the license issued to the Company by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in view of a law of the State of Minnesota that limits the quantity of spent nuclear fuel that may be stored at the Plant, assuming that existing Federal and State laws remain unchanged.